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NEWS OF SHIPBUILDING, RR EQUIPMENT IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA

CZECHOSLOVAKIA-BUILT SHIP FOR USSR -- Zurich, Neue Zurcher Zeitung, 8 Jul 52

On 28 June 1952, the passenger steamer Rossiya, recently built for the USSR by the Skoda Shipyards in Komarno, was given a trial run on the Danube River. The Rossiya is the first ship to have been built in Czechoslovakia for the USSR.

NAVIGABILITY OF LABE RIVER EXTENDED -- Duesseldorf, Verkehrs-Wirtschaft, 16 Aug 52

In the future the Labe (Elbe) River on Czechoslovak territory will be navigable for freight traffic up to Kolin after completion of river regulation work near Osek. Passenger traffic up to Kolin was introduced some time ago.

Berlin, Aussenhandels Nachrichten, 9 Jul 52

Near the Czechoslovak city of Osek, large-scale hydraulic construction is nearing completion by which the Labe will be made navigable for freight traffic as far as Kolin. As a result of this construction, the through freight water traffic between Hamburg and Kolin will be assured. This will mean considerable savings for the Czechoslovak transportation system. Passenger traffic on the Labe between Podebrady and Kolin was initiated several days ago.

SOKOLOVO ENTERPRISE PRODUCES NEW EXPRESS LOCOMOTIVE -- Prague, Prace, 13 Jul 52

The Ceskomoravska Kolben Danek National Enterprise at Sokolovo has produced a new type of express locomotive, model No 476.1. This locomotive achieved speeds up to 140 kilometers per hour during test runs and is equipped with an automatic soot blower to clear the flues. Nonferrous metals were used sparingly, but in spite of this, very little wear was recorded on parts which normally require frequent replacement, such as the slide valve rings.

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CZECHOSLOVAK PASSENGER TRANSPORTATION GAINS -- Berlin, Aussenhandels Nachrichten, 20 Feb 52

A great increase in the number of passengers transported by all means of transportation can be observed. The Czech railroads transported 264,800,000 persons in 1935, but this number had been increased to 540 million in 1951. In 1937, there were only 280 bus lines in operation. This number grew to 2,322 in 1951. The number of bus passengers increased from 18,800,000 in 1937 to 526 million in 1951.

Prague streetcars carried 282 million passengers in 1938, compared with 467 million in 1951. The combined municipal transportation facilities carried a total of 530 million passengers. The rapid development of the economy and the rise of the living standards are expressed in these figures.

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